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Citizen Newsletter

# The Brighton Connection



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Brighton City Hall offices, currently located at 4th and Bridge, will move to the old Adams County Administrative Building, 450 S. 4th Ave., at the end of the summer.

The purpose of the move is to consolidate city offices into one building and streamline efficiency.

The following offices will be located in the new City Hall building:

City Clerk's Office

City Manager's Office

Community Development

Council Chambers

Finance

Greater Brighton Fire Protection District

**Human Resources** 

Information Technology

KBRI - Channel 8

One-Stop Center

Parks and Recreation Admin

Procurement

**Public Information Office** 

Streets/Fleet Admin

Utilities Admin



#### DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Brighton's Parks Maintenance Division is responsible for more than 960 acres of municipal parkland including neighborhood, community, special use and natural resource parks.

They also maintain over 27 miles of trails, 20 athletic fields, 3 community gardens, 1 recreation center and 19 playgrounds!

The current City Hall will remain a city facility and will become "Historic City Hall." Offices in this facility will include:

Brighton Economic Development

Corporation

Brighton Urban Renewal Authority

Chamber of Commerce

City of Brighton's Special Events Division

Downtown Initiative

Historic Commission

Housing Authority

Legacy Foundation

Youth Services

The Historic City Hall will feature paintings

and artifacts around the building that represent Brighton's history. The Historic Commission will also have a Brighton history store featuring historical items for sale to the public.



#### CITY COUNCIL

#### THERE'S PLENTY OF DOWNTOWN PARKING AVAILABLE

Check out all that Downtown Brighton has to offer. Changes large and small are underway, like the stream of events and performances at the Brighton Cultural Center, the spruced up buildings on Main Street, new green space, banners and flower baskets. There are popular new hot spots and the comfortable old ones.

Downtown Brighton is becoming a sustainable area with a unique sense of place, local stores and restaurants and a thriving cultural district. The future is still evolving and promises to be bright. Try out a new restaurant or enjoy an old favorite. See a play; take in an art exhibit; explore the library.

Just like any exuberant downtown, the question is always - "Where do I park?" Well, Downtown Brighton has over 1,000 parking spaces available. Plans are currently underway to develop better signage and direction to these spaces.

Free parking is available in the following locations:

- 1st/Strong Street (the old RTD park-n-Ride)
- Brighton Cultural Center parking lot (Armory/Library)
- South Cabbage Avenue, east of the railroad tracks
- Along North and South Cabbage Avenue
- RTD park-n-Ride
- Parking lot north of the Pavilions
- Off-street parking along North and South Main
- Along North and South 1st Avenue
- Along Pavilions Place

Just like any downtown, you may have to walk a block or two to enjoy the exciting amenities available. But it's worth it; now is the time to check out Downtown Brighton!

### BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**City Council Meetings -** 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave., Council Chamber, 3rd floor.

**City Council Study Sessions** - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave., Heritage Room, 3rd floor.

Residents and other interested parties are welcome and are encouraged to attend. Meetings are also aired live on KBRI Comcast Channel 8 or at www.brightonco.gov and click on Online Services.

If you are interested in attending any of these meetings and require special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations, please notify the City Manager's Office at 303-655-2043.



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### DO YOU NEED A WARRANTY ON THE WATER SERVICE LINE INTO YOUR HOME?

We have heard this question from many residents after they have been contacted by private companies that suggest our residents should invest in a warranty on their water service lines. Please note, the City of Brighton's Utilities Division does not endorse and is not affiliated with these private companies.

While residents are responsible for the water service lines that run from the main street into your home, there are many things to consider when deciding whether or not you would like to purchase a warranty:

- Will the warranty only repair, and not replace, the service line if it breaks?
- Does your homeowners insurance cover such repairs/replacement?
- Do the terms exclude repairs/replacement of water service lines when the break is caused by certain acts.
- How old is your water line infrastructure? If it was installed in the late 80's to current, as are most structures within the city, then your structure is built to last 40 to 50 years, usually longer.
- Would the maximum benefit of such a warranty be enough to cover a repair or replacement?
- Who would conduct the repairs/replacement?
- Does the warranty cover restoration of your lawn or garden?

Our goal is to be sure our citizens are aware that these private companies may contact you and may suggest that the city is affiliated with their warranty offer. We hope you can now make an informed decision about whether or not a warranty on your outside water service line is right for you. If you have any questions, please call the Brighton Utilities Division at 303-655-2082.

## IMPORTANT WATERING INFORMATION FOR COMMERCIAL USERS

As the irrigation season approaches, Brighton's Utilities Division reminds commercial and multi-family utility customers of the importance of annual testing of their backflow devices.

These devices are found on the potable water system supply for your irrigation system and are intended to protect the water supply from the reverse flow of contaminated water from commercial buildings, multi-family apartments and HOA's irrigation water connections. It is the responsibility of the



customer to have their backflow prevention assemblies tested every year. The annual deadline for the testing of domestic, fire and irrigation assemblies is June 15 of each year to coincide with the start of irrigation season

If you have a backflow prevention assembly on your property, please do your part to ensure a safe drinking water supply for yourself and everyone in Brighton. If you have any questions about Brighton's Cross Connection Program, call the Utilities Department at 303-655-2121 or visit <a href="https://www.brightonco.gov">www.brightonco.gov</a>, click on "Departments," select "Utilities Department" and then "Backflow Program."

**REMINDER**: The deadline for the tests to be performed and results sent to City of Brighton Utilities Division is **June 15, 2011** (FAX: 303-655-2065)

#### WATER BILL PAYMENTS

Online: www.brightonco.gov

One-Stop Shop Walk-in Payments City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave. Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### BRIGHTON POLICE RAISE OVER \$5,000 FOR CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH

Several staff from the Brighton Police Department shaved their heads for the fight against children's cancer and raised \$5,110 in doing so. This year's annual St. Baldrick's Day event in Brighton took place on Saturday, March 26 at the Brighton Boys and Girls Club. The Brighton Police Department team, "The Thin Blue Hairline," participate in this event every year.

The St. Baldrick's Day Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. For more information about the foundation, visit, www.stbaldricks.org.



#### VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATES NEEDED

The Brighton Police Department Victim Assistance Program is seeking dependable, caring individuals to become volunteer victim advocates. Volunteers provide on-scene contact with victims and witnesses of violent crime, sudden death, and other emergency situations. No previous experience is necessary. Vol-

unteers are required to undergo a thorough background screening including a criminal history check and complete 40 hours of training taught by professionals in the victim services field.

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Advocates are required to work four, 12-hour, on-call shifts each month, including weekends and occasional holidays. Advocates must be able to respond within 30 minutes of a dispatch's notification, and must be available by phone. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, self motivated, have strong interpersonal skills, be able to maintain confidentiality, and commit to at least one year of volunteering.

For the complete job description and to fill out the online application, visit <a href="www.brightonco.gov">www.brightonco.gov</a> and click on "Departments," "Police Department," and then "Victims Services." For more information or to receive an application, call Victim Services Coordinator Kim Dressel at 303-655-2308 or email <a href="mailto:kdressel@brightonco.gov">kdressel@brightonco.gov</a>.

### SAFETY TIPS: SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Smoke Alarm Safety:

- Install at least one smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside of each sleeping room area and on each level of a multi-level building.
- Test each smoke alarm regularly.
- Keep batteries fresh by replacing them annually.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm Safety:

- Install a CO alarm in the hallway outside of each sleeping room area.
- Test each CO alarm regularly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Permanently wired or plug-in CO alarms should have a battery backup.
- Keep batteries fresh by replacing them annually.

Information from <a href="www.iccsafe.org">www.iccsafe.org</a> | <a href="www.buildingsafetymonth.org">www.buildingsafetymonth.org</a> | <a href="www.buildingsafetymonth.org">Questions about codes for Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms?</a> | Call 303-655-2018.



Tested on the first Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m.



**GRAFFITI HOTLINE** 

303-655-2097

#### 2011 BRIGHTON CONCERTS AND EVENTS

**May 14 - The Bromley Bolt** (presented by Bromley East Charter School) - Walk, run and entertainment for the children of the Brighton area! Info: Sherry Edelen, 303-654-1410

June 4 - Culturefest - A full day of cultural entertainment at our Main Stage!

July 4 - 4th of July Celebration - Early evening concert followed by an exciting fireworks display!

August 13 - Market Day - Live entertainment and a celebration of Brighton's agricultural heritage!

**September 24 - Ecofair** - An event focused on energy conservation, alternative energy and environmental resources.

October 23 - Fine Arts at Four - Sunday evening concert for the entire family!

**December 10 - Festival of Lights** – A Holiday Hometown Tradition. Winter festival and parade.

**Information on Events:** <u>www.brightonco.gov</u> and click on "Community," then "Festivals, Concerts, Special Events."



The Armory and Anythink Brighton are THRILLED to announce "Summer Series 2011", 8 weeks of FREE events filled with music, movies, and a variety of entertainment for all ages! June & July every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

#### **Monday Music Lunch Series**

Bring a picnic lunch and catch the terrific acts on the Armory's outdoor stage!

11:30pm-1:30pm
Performance Garden

FREE!

#### **Tuesday Classic Movie Night**

Enjoy a "classic" movie in the Armory Theatre! All ages welcome, make it a family night out!

> 6:00pm-8:00pm Inside of the Armory

> > FREE!

#### **Wednesday Variety Night**

A "Variety Show" on the Armory's outdoor stage! Take in some music, laugh a little, watch the dancers.

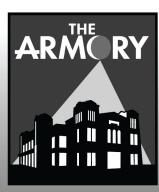
> 6:00pm-8:00pm Performance Garden

> > FREE!

Summer Series starts on June 6th, and ends on July 27th www.brightonarmory.org

303-655-2026
Events and Information Hotline





AT BRIGHTON CULTURAL CENTER

Located @

300 STRONG STREET

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Cabbage Ave	PARKING the Armory E Bridge St	N. 4th Ave	g
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#### CAMPS, CAMPS & MORE CAMPS

The Youth & Teen Department is offering theme camps almost every week this summer for youth ages 5 and older! From science, to theater and art, to engineering, it's happening at the Recreation Center. Starting the week of June 6 and wrapping up the week of August 8, each week hosts a camp with a different theme including: Junkyard Robots; Mysteries of Space; Harry Potter Magical Mystery Tour; Stage Twitters; Cartooning; Engineering Fundamentals with Legos and more! Check out the Youth & Teen section of the Recreation Center brochure for details, www.brightonco.gov.

#### BRIGHTON OASIS COMING THIS SUMMER!

The construction of the new family aquatic park, Brighton Oasis, is in full swing! With a planned opening of early June, the Brighton Oasis will include a leisure pool, lazy river with wave generator, water slide, tube slide and a child water play structure. The facility will be located at 1852 E. Bromley Lane. Follow the Brighton Oasis Family Aquatics Park on FACEBOOK for the most recent updates.







#### ADULT RECREATION CENTER UPDATE

The City of Brighton plans to open a new Adult Recreation Center early next year. This will move senior activities from the 91 year old Senior Center building on Bush Street to a modern, state-of-the art facility on the east side of Prairie Center Parkway at 148<sup>th</sup>, just west of the Brighton Sports Complex and north of Platte Valley Hospital. The facility will be constructed in three phases. Phase I includes community rooms, three class rooms, a commercial kitchen, an elevated stage/craft room, library, staff offices, and billiards area. Phase II includes a fitness area, walking track, aerobic room, offices, and small locker room. Phase III includes a warm water zero depth entry exercise pool, a lazy river pool, hot tub, warm water, lap pool, and larger locker rooms. Design and construction of



Phase I will be complete by the end of this year. Phase II and Phase III construction have not yet been planned.

#### SAVING GREEN FOR THE GREEN THUMBS!!

Landscaping and gardening can be a very expensive endeavor. Here are some quick guidelines that will help you save money this year.

Mulch: Many people spend hundreds of dollars using decorative mulch for their yard every year. The problem is, mulch will blow away over time and fades rather quickly (2 - 4 years). Free mulch is available to Brighton residents through the Parks and Recreation Department. If you don't mind the "natural" look then this is the mulch for you! Sure, it will disappear and fade over time like the expensive mulch, but your money won't. Info: 303-655-2054.



Chemical Spraying and Fertilizer: Often people are under the impression that they need to spray everything in their yard to keep pests away. The problem is, chemicals usually kill the good insects as well as the bad, and in a lot of cases the "bad" insects start building immunities to specific types of chemicals and become resistant. Insects such as aphids can be controlled with a simple high pressure water spray of the hose. Other insects will make the plant look bad temporarily, but not necessarily harm the plant. You need to ask yourself "is treatment worth it?" "Is it worth my money?"

- There are a lot of companies out there that will try and convince you to chemically spray 3 4 times every summer to prevent and kill "pests." In my opinion, this is nonsense and a waste of money as some companies will spray trees and shrubs whether they need it or not. When you are talking to these companies, ask them what they are spraying for specifically. "Bugs," "critters" and "insects" are not sufficient answers. Before you agree to any type of treatment, contact your local Adams County/Colorado State Extension office or contact the Brighton City Forester to see if what you are paying for is worth it. Make sure the companies are licensed and insured as well.
- Fertilizer may not be necessary in many cases. In fact, many trees will be fine without it. If your tree is suffering from a nutrient deficiency, then it may need a supplemental fertilizer application. Over fertilizing can actually attract pests. Too much fertilizer can add salts to your plant and create chronic health problems over time. Lawns/turf usually require fertilizer applications three times a year at the most (spring, fall and maybe one in mid-summer).

Research. A little research and education will go a long way when dealing with plants.

- Know the types of plants you are dealing with. Do they like shade or sun, low water or high water? Are they prone to insect problems? If so what kinds, and are they worth treating? How big do the plants get? Don't buy plants on impulse. Sure that beautiful flowering plant looks great at the nursery, but will it do well where you intend to plant it?
- The Colorado State Extension has lots of information regarding gardening and horticulture and a lot of it can be found on the web. Simply type "Colorado State" at the end of each question or search.
- Visit <u>www.brightonco.gov</u> and check out the "Forestry" link under "Parks and Recreation" for numerous links and information regarding horticulture and gardening.

Info: Kyle Sylvester, Certified Arborist/City Forester at 303-655-2089 or ksylvester@brightonco.gov.

#### HELP FOR HOMES

Help for Homes brings volunteers and neighbors together to paint, do yard work or fix up homes needing minor exterior repairs. Volunteers are needed to help on Saturday, May 7. Put together a team of 8-10 friends, family and coworkers or join a team that is already helping. Call Sue at 303-655-2076 for volunteer applications.

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN SENIOR GAMES

June 8 – 12, Greeley - The Rocky Mountain Senior Games are a fun athletic competition for men and women age 50 plus, of all abilities, in over 25 sports and activities. Compete in male or female divisions in 5-year age categories. Go to <a href="www.greeleygov.com/RMSG">www.greeleygov.com/RMSG</a> for details. Interested in joining the Brighton team? Call Donna or Gayle at 303-655-2075.

#### AGELESS ART SHOW

May 18, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Join the Brighton Senior Center in paying tribute to the artists that create "Ageless Art." This celebration recognizes the hours of work, dedication and untiring efforts of the artists that participate in and/or teach the craft and art classes at the Brighton Senior Center. View beautiful works of art, meet the artists and learn more about art classes at the senior center. Light refreshments will be served.



**PHOTO**: Japanese Bunka Instructor, Dorothy Osman has been teaching at the center for the last 10 years. She is retiring. Join us at the Ageless Art Show as we showcase her art and show our gratitude for her dedication.



#### GET INFORMATION





www.brightonco.gov



View Comcast Cable KBRI-Channel 8. Brighton's very own Government and Education Channel. Also webstreaming live at <a href="https://www.brightonco.gov">www.brightonco.gov</a>.



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#### CITY CALENDAR

#### MAY



- 3 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- **4** BURA Study Session, 4:30 p.m., City Hall Parks & Rec. Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., Rec. Center
- **6** Trash Bash, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Brighton Wastewater Treatment Facility, 325 N. Kuner Road
- 7 Trash Bash, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Brighton Wastewater Treatment Facility, 325 N. Kuner Road Chemical Round-Up, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Water World, 1850 W. 89th, Federal Heights
- **10** City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 12 Historic Preservation Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 17 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- **18** BURA Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 24 City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
- **30** Admin Offices/Senior Center closed—Memorial Day
- **31** Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall

#### JUNE



- 1 BURA Study Session, 4:30 p.m., City Hall Parks & Rec. Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., Rec. Center
- 7 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- **9** Historic Preservation Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
- **14** City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 15 BURA Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 21 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- **28** City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall

### **Brighton City Hall:**

22 S. 4th Ave.

**Brighton Recreation Center:** 555 N. 11th

Dates subject to change